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From the Desk of Brandon Seitz

The summer is drawing to a close and we prepare for a fall full of events. In the past two months we have unveiled the Indiana Strategic Energy Plan, Hoosier Homegrown Energy, and completed a successful 12 days at Indiana's 150th State Fair.

With great support from both Governor Daniels and Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, OED rolled-out its strategic energy plan on August 11th. The Governor and Lt. Governor made a few stops across the state that morning and concluded with a well-attended event in Indianapolis that afternoon. It has been over 20 years since Indiana has publicly seen an energy plan and we hope this will provide a long-term solution to both the energy concerns presented today to Hoosiers as well as a safe, reliable and feasible energy secure future for years to come. (Strategic Plan – Hoosier Homegrown Energy) A good deal of attention is being brought about including this plan being posted on the National Governors Association (NGA) website.

The State Fair was a great success as we were able to not only meet with a significant number of people but also we were provided the opportunity to share the myriad of easy tips to save and conserve energy as well as communicate Indiana's new energy vision and future. Again, OED wishes to thank all of the volunteers that made this event a success. Such partners include: Wabash Valley Power, Indiana Statewide REMC's, Indiana's Clean Cities Coalitions, Agricultural Co-ops including Premier Ag, the Center for Coal Technology Research at Purdue and many more. Additionally, a thank you goes out to GasAmerica and MENARDS for providing the great giveaways.

Stay posted by visiting our website often to learn about the upcoming events and workshops that OED will be participating in. September events include the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, the Indiana Association of Counties as well as some possible biofuels events.

Sincerely,

Brandon Seitz
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